World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Sponsored Students

Applying for OSAP

For the first 12 months of sponsorship – first year of study:

- Students are not eligible to apply for OSAP since sponsorship provides funding for living and academic costs.
- Students with financial need, beyond the sponsorship funds, should consult with their Registrar Office to investigate other sources of non-repayable aid that may be available.

Financial planning timeline beyond the first 12 months of sponsorship – second year of study and beyond:

- Prior to start of classes in September (we recommend you apply before the end of April):
  - Students should apply for full-time OSAP through the OSAP website: http://ontario.ca/osap
  - Supporting documents should be uploaded through the OSAP website at the time of application:
    - Examples:
      - copy of the front AND back of Permanent Resident card
      - Student signature forms
      - Parental signature forms
      - Etc.
  - First time applicants to OSAP will have to complete an online Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement form. Instructions will be on the OSAP website after you apply.
  - Single Students, who are out of high school for less than 6 years, are expected to provide information from their parent(s):
    - This includes completing the parental sections of the OSAP application, completing the parental signature pages and uploading the documents to the OSAP website.
    - If this information cannot be provided (e.g., civil unrest affecting mail services in the parent(s) country of residence; parent(s) unreachable because their location is unknown and/or parent(s) are in a refugee camp), then an appeal may be possible.
    - The appeal will be reviewed by the Ministry and could take a few months for a decision.
    - Required documents to support an appeal request should be uploaded to the OSAP website:
      - A letter from the student outlining why the Parental information and signatures cannot be provided
      - Proof of the WUSC sponsorship
      - proof from Canada Post that mail cannot be delivered to that specific country; and,
      - any other evidence demonstrating that the parent(s) cannot be reached because they are in a refugee camp, etc.

- Mid-July to August:
  - Official OSAP assessment available to student through the OSAP website.
  - Consult with Enrolment Services of any appeal possibilities.
  - Defer tuition fees: allows students to register without making minimum payment.

- September:
  - Fall OSAP funds released for full-time students: redirected to pay outstanding Fall fees first

- January:
  - Winter OSAP funds released for full-time students: redirected to pay outstanding fees first